

the King has chosen is worthy or no.¹
 Treason
(crimen majestatis) is given the most
 sweeping
 implication. It is treason, punishable
 with death
 and confiscation, for nobles to plot
 with other
 knights the murder of the illustrious
 men who
 sit in the King's Council, for all who
 desert in
 battle or surrender castles, who arm
 mobs, who
 refuse to aid the King's troops or
 allies, etc,
 Capital punishment is decreed against
 forgers and
 receivers of spurious money and those
 who falsify
 the King's letters or seal; severe
 punishment is
 meted out to those guilty of crimes
 against women,
 and of adultery, punishments necessary
 in a land
 so long ungoverned.

A number of the deal with the
 Church,.
 Heretics and apostates are deprived, of
 civil rights j
 villeins are forbidden to become those
 who
 are infamous in character are to be
 deprived of
 their orders, and no one may buy a
 church dignity
 for money, Children are not to be
 recognised
 as legitimate and able to succeed
 unless their
 parents have been married in church
 with the
 priestly blessing and a ring, Church
 privileges
 are taken under royal protection,
 Bishops need
 not appear in public courts except
 where the

King has commanded, priests are
exempted from
the bodily ordeal in law-cases and from
all servile
services, though and lower are
not
granted the latter exemption. All is
in accordance with the
of the
Hildebrandine

¹ Ailiso **XVII**,